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SUBJECT: CALLAGHAN PUBLICLY OFFERS LONDON AS VENUE FOR

ECONOMIC SUMMIT

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- 1. YESTERDAY (JAN. 11) IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN ADVANCED A STEP ON THE ISSUE OF VENUE BY PUBLICLY STATING HIS READINESS TO HOST AN ECONOMIC SUMMIT. HE SAID, "IF THERE IS A DESIRE FOR A SUMMIT MEETING IN LONDON, WE SHOULD BE HAPPY TO ACCOMMODATE IT HERE." HE ADDED THAT HE WOULD BE PREPARED TO GO TO ANY OTHER LOCATION ON WHICH THERE IS GENERAL AGREEMENT.
- 2. WE UNDERSTAND FROM FCO CONTACTS THAT, NOT WITHSTANDING THE FACT THAT IT WAS A FRENCH INITIATIVE, CALLAGHAN CONFIDENTIAL

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IS INCREASINGLY DESIROUS OF STAGING A SUMMIT IN LONDON. FCO OFFICIAL TOLD US CALLAGHAN IS LIKELY TO EXPRESS STRONG INTEREST IN HOSTING THE MEETING WHEN PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER CALLS THIS WEEK AS PART OF HIS SERIES OF CALLS TO EUROPEAN AND JAPANESE LEADERS.

3. TO ASSIST IN DEPARTMENT'S CONTINGENCY PLANNING,

FOLLOWING IS LIST OF MAJOR MEETINGS/EVENTS WE KNOW ABOUT CURRENTLY SCHEDULED FOR LONDON DURING MAY AND JUNE OF THIS YEAR.

MAY 10-11 NATO MINISTERIAL

MAY 20-21 POSSIBLE MEETING OF EC FOREIGN

MINISTERS (INFORMAL GYMNICH-

TYPE MEETING JUST OUTSIDE

LONDON)

JUNE 6 SPRING BANK HOLIDAY

JUNE 7 HOLIDAY TO MARK QUEEN'S SILVER

JUBILEE

JUNE 8-16 COMMONWEALTH HEADS OF GOVERN-

MENT MEETING

JUNE 29-30 EUROPEAN COUNCIL (SUMMIT MEET-

ING OF EC HEADS OF GOVERNMENT)

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